

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified patent application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of making an information-recording medium having an indelible watermark comprising the steps of:

providing a mark on a back surface of a stamper, wherein said back surface of said stamper is opposite to a front surface, said front surface comprising a pattern of pits and lands; and

forming a substantially transparent disc using said stamper, said disc having a first substantially planar surface and a second surface opposite to said first surface, wherein ~~[[in]]~~ said forming comprises the steps of:

transferring both of said pattern of pits and lands ~~is transferred~~ from said front surface of said stamper to said second surface of said disc and said mark ~~[[on]]~~ from said back surface of said stamper ~~forms,~~ as an indelible watermark ~~[[on]],~~ to said second surface of said disc in a high pressure molding process, wherein said indelible watermark is visible under normal light conditions.

2. (Canceled) The method of claim 1 wherein said forming comprises the step of:

transferring both of said pattern of pits and lands from said front surface of said stamper and said mark from said back surface of said stamper to said second surface of said disc in a replication process.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]]
1 wherein said ~~replication~~ molding process comprises
injection molding.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]]
1 wherein said ~~replication~~ molding process comprises
injection-compression molding.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]]
1 wherein said ~~replication~~ molding process comprises
compression molding.

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6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said
providing comprises laser-scribing.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said
providing comprises etching.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said
providing comprises diamond-scribing.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said
providing comprises use of a mechanical tool.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1 further
comprising sanding the back of the stamper after said
providing.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said
providing comprises depositing said mark subsequent to
sanding the back of said stamper.

12. (Withdrawn) An information-recording medium having an indelible watermark produced according to the method of claim 1.

13. (Withdrawn) The information-recording medium according to claim 12 wherein said indelible watermark is superimposed onto the pits and lands on the second surface of the disc.

14. (Withdrawn) The information-recording medium according to claim 12 wherein said indelible watermark is located in a region of the second surface of the disc that is free from pits and lands.

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15. (Withdrawn) The information-recording medium according to claim 12 wherein said indelible watermark comprises lettering.

16. (Withdrawn) The information-recording medium according to claim 12 wherein said indelible watermark comprises a graphical image.

17. (Withdrawn) The information-recording medium according to claim 12 wherein said indelible watermark comprises a trademark.

18. (Withdrawn) The information-recording medium according to claim 12 wherein said indelible watermark is machine readable.

19. (Withdrawn) The information-recording medium according to claim 12 wherein said indelible watermark is visible under normal light conditions.

20. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein said transferring comprises transferring said mark subsequent to sanding the back of said stamper.

21. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein said transferring comprises transferring said mark to a region of said second surface of said disc that is free from said pattern of pits and lands.

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22. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein said indelible watermark comprises lettering.

23. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein said indelible watermark comprises a graphical image.

24. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein said indelible watermark comprises a trademark.

25. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein said indelible watermark is machine readable.
